**Crime against women**

*259. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government unveiled a series of measures to check the growing crime rate against women, and a legal regime has been put in place as part of the drive to provide protection to women;

(b) whether Government has enacted the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 which provides for more effective protection of the constitutional rights of women, who are victims of violence of any kind occurring within the family including any unlawful demand or dowry; and

(c) if so, to what extent the review of its provisions has helped in curbing the crime against women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, the total number of crimes against women registered in the country under the Indian Penal Code and the Special Laws (excluding the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005) was 154333, 155553 and 164765 respectively during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006.

**Recognition of Kol Tribe as Scheduled Tribe**

*260. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of States where Kol Tribe has been recognized as a Scheduled Tribe, and is eligible for the benefits available to other Tribes;

(b) whether there are any States where the Kol Tribe is struggling for recognition as a Scheduled Tribe; and

(c) whether Government has issued any guidelines to States which have not recognized it as a Scheduled Tribe so far?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Kol Tribe has been recognized as a Scheduled Tribe in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa and are eligible for the same benefits as available to the other Scheduled Tribes.

The State Government of Uttar Pradesh had recommended for inclusion of Kol caste as Scheduled Tribe in the ST list of Uttar Pradesh. The proposal has been processed as per modalities approved in June, 1999 for deciding claims for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in the Orders specifying the lists of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed in June, 2007 that the recommendation made by the State for inclusion of Kol community may be cancelled and status may remain as it was earlier.

(c) No, Sir. Question does not arise.